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3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-100404, published April 7, 2000, to Japan Storage Battery Co., Ltd., with English Abstract.
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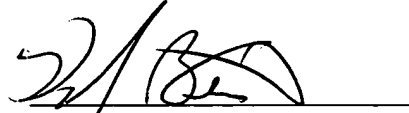
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